

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES**

Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Mark Clinton, Treasurer
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Jack Dempsey, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee
Gary Heitman, Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Thomas Tiderington, Police Chief
Kevin Bennett, Township Attorney
David Richmond, Spalding DeDecker
Amy Hammye, Deputy Treasurer
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
23 Members of the Public

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Study Session – Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. Heise asked that Item H, Budget Update, be changed to N. Territorial Traffic Update.

Moved by Mr. Vorva and seconded by Mr. Heitman to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of August 15, 2017 as amended. Ayes all.

Susan Stoney of Plymouth District Library updated residents on the public viewing of the eclipse of the sun on Monday August 21, at the 4-Seasons Pavilion at Township Park from 12:30-4:30 p.m., with the peak viewing time expected to be at 2:28 p.m. Viewing glasses will be available at the park on Monday. She thanked Supervisor Heise, Board members, Sue Brams and Bob Mazarowski at the park for their cooperation.

B. PRESENTATION – CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES – Supervisor Heise

Don Soenen, president of PARC, gave a history of the Center for Creative Studies located in Detroit and introduced Amy Armand, Director of Student Recruitment.

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Ms. Armand reviewed how CCS and PARC become involved and how grant funds were received from the Dunning Foundation which enables classes for all ages to become available at the PARC facility. She also reviewed scholarship opportunities that will become available.

C. FIVE MILE ROAD PROPERTY SALE – Signature Associates

Mr. Heise outlined the issues of the settlement agreement with Wayne County regarding the sale of the property at Five Mile and Ridge Roads, the Township being able to recoup \$600,000 for reimbursement of the note, \$135,000 in attorney fees, and reimbursement for infrastructure improvements contemplated in the settlement agreement. Infrastructure would involve three main items: recreational improvements along Johnson Creek (bike path, walking path, parking lot) the water and sewer line extension, and also to improve Ridge Road from Halyard to Five Mile Road. Although not required, Wayne County could be provided a letter indicating what the Township is looking for in infrastructure improvements, hoping they would agree with the proposals because it will be deducted out of their revenue.

Dave Green of Signature Associates, the realtors contracted to handle the sale of the site, heard from Board members their expectations for the use of the property and their desires for innovative usage in line with the zoning ordinance and master plan, along with the incorporation of the natural features of the property. Board members also questioned Mr. Green on the marketing strategies of his firm.

D. NEW MCKENNA CONTRACT – Laura Haw

John R. Jackson, President of McKenna Associates, and Laura Haw, Principal Planner, reviewed with Board members the proposed agreement to continue to provide planning, zoning and economic assistance to the Township. It was requested that a comparison be presented of work done to date showing the old rate structure vs the new rate structure, and an addition be made to the contract that no matter who does the work from McKenna, it won't be above \$99 per hour. The contract is also to be reviewed by Attorney Bennett.

E. UPDATED FEE SCHEDULES – Laura Haw

Ms. Haw reviewed with Board members the draft of recommended changes to the Community Development Schedule of Fees. Also recommended is streamlining the Application Packets.

The Board recessed briefly at 8:50 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

F. REVISED RV ORDINANCE – Heise/Bennett

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Board members reviewed the revised RV Ordinance which now allows 4 hours street parking for recreational vehicles for loading and unloading. The Zoning Ordinance allows 24 hours of parking in a driveway.

Duane Zantop, Susan Bondie and another resident of the community expressed their opinions that the four-hour period is insufficient. Ms. Bondie also asked that residents be informed as to what the ordinances will allow in this regard.

G. APPOINTMENTS POLICY – Supervisor Heise/Trustee Dempsey

Board members reviewed the Appointments Policy presented by Mr. Dempsey, with minor changes by Mr. Heise.

H. N. TERRITORIAL TRAFFIC UPDATE – Supervisor Heise/Chief Tiderington

Mr. Heise asked Chief Tiderington to review the results of his investigation into the sources, frequency, and timing of the increased truck traffic particularly along N. Territorial, as well as Ridge Road.

Chief Tiderington noted that one source of increased truck traffic is caused by a trucking company on Chubb Road and Six Mile. In order for their trucks to go north or west, they have to go east and south through the Township because Salem Township has, by ordinance, prohibited truck traffic on certain roadways.

Board members discussed various possible options and requested Attorney Bennett to verify a publication date for Salem Township's ordinance.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Curmi had questions regarding recreation in the park for middle schoolers and high school students. He also had questions regarding the status of the golf course. He also requested having sidewalk gaps closed being included in the budget. He also mentioned the head count, and looking at retiree health premiums. He then asked about having the Clerk's office delete the passport service.

Mr. Heitman asked Fire Chief Phillips on the status of applicants and Station 2 staffing.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Heitman and seconded by Mr. Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Ayes all.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 22, 2017.